



AGENDA

Thursday, February 01, 2007

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Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 16

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$30,000 in grant funds from the ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION, Princeton, NJ, and amending the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Service Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No 20060911-001 to appropriate \$30,000 for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention program to partner with the Indigent Care Collaboration to evaluate internal business practices using the Robert Wood Johnson informatics systems within the Disease Surveillance unit.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The grant period is December 1, 2006 through February 28, 2008. No City match is required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

Additional Backup Material

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- [Ordinance](#)
- [Fiscal Note - REVISED](#)

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Prior Council Action: Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget, September 11, 2006

The Robert Wood Johnson Common Ground. Transforming Public Health Information Systems Grant is intended to support state and local public health agencies collaboration in two areas: (1) to prepare agencies to analyze and redesign their business practices; and (2) to develop collaborative requirement definitions for information systems to strengthen public health agencies that will help to improve preparedness and chronic disease prevention and control.

Key personnel, including a representative from the Indigent Care Collaboration, will acquire skills regarding informatics systems by attending a training seminar sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ). Informatics studies the structure, behavior, and interactions of natural and artificial systems that store, process and communicate information. It also develops its own conceptual and theoretical foundations. Because computers, individuals and organizations all process information, informatics has computational, cognitive and social aspects.

Skills acquired at the training seminar will first be applied to the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Disease Surveillance program. HHSD staff will apply learned business process analysis principles to current practices. In the Disease Surveillance program, skills will be used to analyze disease reporting processes in order to improve accuracy, timeliness and efficiency of reporting and case investigation. Results expected include increased response time efficiency and increased reduction and control of disease transmission to protect and improve the health of our community.

Once implemented and evaluated in this program, key personnel will disseminate information and provide training to identified HHSD departmental staff for utilization of the informatics systems and will assist in applying new business practices to additional intradepartmental units as necessary.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET OF ORDINANCE NO. 20060911-001 TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council authorizes the acceptance of \$30,000 in grant funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

PART 2. The Council amends the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Health and Human Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20060911-001 to appropriate \$30,000 for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention program to partner with the Indigent Care Collaboration to evaluate internal business practices using the Robert Wood Johnson informatics systems within the Disease Surveillance unit.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2007

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

**OPERATING BUDGET
Fiscal Note**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
WHERE ON AGENDA:
DEPARTMENT:

2/1/2007
Ordinance
Health and Human Services



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Impact of this Action</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
Health Promotion/Disease Prevention			
12/01/06 - 2/28/08	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>
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